DECLARATION

Of the Right Reverend Father in God

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Late Lord Bishop of CHICHESTER

UPON HIS

DEATH-BED.

Eing called by a Sick (and I think a Dying) Bed, and the good hand of God upon me in it, to take the Last and Best Viaticum, the Sacrament of my dear Lord's Body and Blood, I take my felf obliged to make this short Recognition and Confession, That whereas I was beptized into the Religion of the Church of England, and sucked it in with my Milk, I have constantly adhered to it thorough the whole Course of my Life, and now, if so be the will of God, shall dye in it, and had resolved, through God's grace asfifting me, to have dyed fo, though at a Stake. And whereas that Religion of the Church of England taught me the Doctrine of Non-refistence and Passive Obedience, which I have accordingly inculcated upon others, and which I took to be the diftinguishing Character of the Church of England, I adhere no less firmly and stedfastly to that; and in consequence of it have incurred a Suspension from the Exercise of my Office, and expected a Deprivation. I find in so doing much inward Satisfaction; and if the Oath had been tendered at the Peril of my Life, I could only have obeyed by Suffering.

I defire you my worthy Friends and Brethren to bear Witness of this upon Occasion, and to believe it as the Words of a dying Man, and who is now ingaged in the most Sacred and Solemn Act of Converfing with God in this World, and may, for ought he knows to the contrary, appear with these very Words in his Mouth at the Dreadful

Tribunal.

Aug. 27. 1689.

Manu proprià subscripfit,

Jo. Ciceftrensis.

This Declaration was read and subscribed by the Bishop in the Presence of

Dr. Green, the Parish Minister.

Dr. Hicks, Dean of Worcester.

Mr. Jenkins, his Lordship's Chaplain.

Mr. Powel, his Secretary.

Mr. Wilson, bis Amanuenfis.

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